

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

CONFERENCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN RIC HOLDEN**, on April 15, 1999 at 1:00 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ric Holden, Chairman (R)
Sen. Reiny Jabs (R)
Sen. Steve Doherty (D)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Rose Buzzas (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: John MacMaster, Legislative Services
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 566, 4/14/1999
Executive Action: HB 566

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON HB 566

Rep. Brainard described the intent of the bill, gave a history of the bill and the reasons why this committee is here today to address this bill. **Rep. Brainard** stated 2 concerns he has with amendments #2 and #5 that the Senate added to the bill. **Senator Holden** responded and explained why the amendments were added.
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Senator Doherty related comments from his father being in the Korean War and was certified at that time for weapons, and asked the question if this person would still be qualified for weapons

use after so much time had passed. **Rep. Brainard** discussed and the reasoning behind this "recently" language being left out previously when the bill was presented to the House Judiciary Committee.

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Senator Holden then asked a Dept. of Justice representative; Mike Batista, questions regarding the Dept's involvement in the concealed weapons permit process. Mr. Batista responded to those questions.

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Senator Holden addressed the committee and asked the question if "they" should strip the "recent" language. **Rep. Brainard** then addressed the question of persons who carry knives and that a 4" long knife blade is considered to be a weapon along with pepper spray.

Motion/Vote: **Rep. Brainard** moved that **HB 566 BE AMENDED in AMENDMENT 2. Motion carried 6-0.**

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Senator Jabs and Senator Doherty referred to the knife issue and directed questions to **Rep. Brainard** and the Dept. of Justice representative; Mike Batista.

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Senator Doherty raised the issue of Hunter's Safety with **Rep. Brainard** and its current application regarding the permit process.

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Rep. Brainard now addressed #5 amendment from the Senate regarding filling out the form and its possible deletion from the permit process.

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John MacMaster, legislative staffer, responded, with the statute of 45-8-321. Much discussion ensued with **Senator Doherty, Rep. Davies and Rep. Buzzas.**

Motion/Vote: **REP. BRAINARD** moved that **HB 566 BE AMENDED IN AMENDMENT 5. Motion failed 3-3** with **Rep. Brainard, Davies, Sen. Holden** voting aye and **Rep. Buzzas, Sen. Jabs and Doherty** voting no.

Motion/Vote: **REP. BRAINARD** moved that **HB 566-STRIKE "IN COMPLETE DETAIL....." BE AMENDED. Motion carried 6-0.**

Motion/Vote: **SEN. COLE** moved that **HB 566-"OPTIONAL" BE AMENDED. Motion failed 2-4** with **Rep. Davies and Sen. Holden** voting aye and **Rep. Brainard, Buzzas, Sen. Jabs and Doherty** voting no .

Motion/Vote: SEN. DOHERTY moved that HB 566 DO PASS AS AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously.

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SENATOR HOLDEN adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 1:40 P.M.

Sen.Ric Holden, Chairman

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman

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Pam Schindler, Secretary

EXHIBIT (cch82hb0566aad)